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ANKARA, OCT 3, REUTER -- THE RIGHTWING DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) TODAY HELD THE KEY TO CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION LEADER SULEYMAN DEMIREL'S PLANS TO FORM A NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

DP LEADER FERRUH BOZBEYLI ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE MR. DEMIREL'S OFFER TO JOIN A RIGHTWING "ANTI-COMMUNIST, ANTI-LEFT" COALITION BUT SAID THE FINAL DECISION RESTED WITH HIS PARTY MEMBERS.

THE DP HAS REJECTED PAST OFFERS TO SERVE UNDER MR. DEMIREL AND OBSERVERS CONSIDER IT WOULD BE SUPRISING IF THE PARTY ACCEPTS THE LATEST PROPOSAL WHEN IT MEETS TOMORROW AS IT HAS BEEN BITTERLY CRITICAL OF MR. DEMIREL, LEADER OF THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP).

MR. DEMIREL, PRIME MINISTER FROM 1965 UNTIL THE 1971 MILITARY INTERVENTION, HAS ALREADY WON SUPPORT FROM THE ISLAMIC TRADITIONALIST NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (MSP) BUT NEEDS DP BACKING TO GET A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY.

HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SET UP AN ADMINISTRATION EARLIER THIS WEEK AFTER SOCIAL DEMOCRAT BULENT ECEVIT GAVE UP ATTEMPTS TO FORM A COALITION.

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MR. ECEVIT IS SERVING AS CARETAKER PREMIER UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. HIS OWN ATTEMPTS TO FORM AN ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE FOR EARLY ELECTIONS FAILED BECAUSE THE RIGHTISTS REFUSED TO SERVE WITH HIS REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY -- TURKEY'S ONLY STRONG LEFT-OF-CENTER PARTY.

THE JP LEADER HAS CHOSEN AN ANTI-COMMUNIST PARTY TAG FOR HIS PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO UNIFY THE FEUDING RIGHTIST PARTIES, ALTHOUGH COMMUNISM IS ILLEGAL IN TURKEY.

FOLLOWING LAST OCTOBER'S INDECISIVE ELECTIONS IT TOOK POLITICIANS THREE MONTHS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT AND IF THE DEMOCRATS TURN DOWN MR. DEMIREL'S PROPOSAL TOMORROW IT COULD BE WEEKS BEFORE A NEW ADMINISTRATION IS ESTABLISHED, OBSERVERS SAID.

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